

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on March 5, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 27 SB 189, SB 162, SB 289,
3/3/1999
Executive Action: SB 162, SB 289,

HEARING ON SB 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Hertel introduced SB 27.

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Proponents' Testimony: Bill Olson, AARP **EXHIBIT**(buh50a01)

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Geo Bennett, MT Bankers Assn

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 175 - 198}

Joe Mazurek, MT Attorney General

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 198 - 226}

Craig Sweet, Mont PRIG

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 226 - 233}

Vernal Bertelson, MT Senior Citizen Assn.

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Anne Bartos, Dept of Commerce

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 254 - 264}

Betty Babcock, **EXHIBIT**(buh50a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 264 - 360}

Margaret Hatcher, **EXHIBIT**(buh50a03)

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Don White Secretary of State

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Ilene Miller **EXHIBIT**(buh50a04)

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Beth O'Halleron, State Auditors

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 12}

Bill Clinch, MT Sheriff's and Peace Officers

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12 - 29}

Al Pontrelli, Montana Assn of Life Underwriters

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 29 - 38}

Ross Cannon, Direct Marketing Proponent with amendments

EXHIBIT(buh50a05) **EXHIBIT**(buh50a06)

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Brad Griffin, MT Retail Assn. Proponent with amendments.

EXHIBIT (buh50a07)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 145 - 171}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Bitney, Pavlovich, Juneau, Sliter, Ewer, Krenzler and Simon question witnesses.

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Closing by Sponsor: Senator Hertel closed

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 65 - 127}

HEARING ON SB 189

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Berry introduced SB 189

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 127 - 164}

Proponents' Testimony: John Tabaracci, MT Realtor

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 164 - 308}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Berry closed

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 308 - 500}

HEARING ON SB 162

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Crismore introduced SB 162

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 6}

EXHIBIT (buh50a08)

Proponents' Testimony: George Bennett, MT Bankers Assn

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6 - 70}

Al Pontrelli, MT Assn of Life Underwriters

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Don Hutchinson, Dept of Commerce, Banking Commissioner

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 78 - 88}

Beth O'Halleron, State Auditors

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John Cadby, MT Bankers Assn.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 96 - 106}

Keith Colbo, MT Ind. Bkrs.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 106 - 115}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Ewer, questions witnesses.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 115 - 162}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Crismore closed.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 162 - 178}

HEARING ON SB 289

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Doherty introduced SB 289.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 178 - 264}

Proponents' Testimony: Bob Anderson, PSC

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 264 - 303}

Verner Bertelson, MT Sr Citizen Assn.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 303 - 316}

Geo. Price, MT Telecommunications

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 316 - 344}

Barbara Ranf, U S West,

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 344 - 358}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Ewer , Sliter, Pavlovich, Krenzler and Simon questions witnesses.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 358 - 500}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Doherty closed.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 25}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 162

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that SB 162 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25 - 50}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 289

Motion: REP. TUSS moved that SB 289 BE CONCURRED IN.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 50 - 60}

Motion/Vote: REP. TREXLER moved that SB 289 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 60 - 70}

Motion/Vote: REP. EWER moved that SB 289 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 70 - 75}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that SB 289 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 75 - 100}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that SB 289 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 14-1 with Bitney voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 100 - 180}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 A.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh50aad)